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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what I will pledge if that amendment comes to us the day this bill comes up, I'm not even going to look at it. I'm just going to be against the bill period. And that's all I'll ask you, Senator Quandahl...

SENATOR QUANDAH: (inaudible).

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because it seems like I'm directing my words at you, which I'm not. I've always said that the Legislature, as an institution, does not command and demand the respect and consideration that it ought to get whether people like any individual on this floor or dislike all of us on this floor. This Legislature has power. This Legislature makes laws. This Legislature establishes public policy and this Legislature, even though it won't do it as it should, controls the purse strings. And when we let people kick us around as a Legislature, we are cheating ourselves and robbing our own till. The Governor comes in here and slaps something on the table and everybody feels that they've got to accept it. The Attorney General sends cock-and-bull propaganda broadsides over here called an opinion and senators think they have to accept it. Then the lobbyists are going to tell us how to conduct our business and the form a bill should take. People on this floor are free to seek advice, counsel, and help wherever they think they can get it; but they need not feel that all of us are going to respect their source to the extent that they do or accept the conclusions given to them by their source in the way they accept those conclusions. So the lobbyists need to know that if they think that I don't need to be taken into consideration they can draft this amendment in as leisurely and slow a manner as they choose. They can make it available the day that the bill comes up if they choose. Then I'm going to show them how the Legislature, as a body, needs to deal with that. I've heard people on this floor talk about having a partisan Legislature and how the parties enforce discipline. There are things we can insist on here but we don't. You all ought to have these lobbyists shaking in their boots instead of you all shaking in your boots.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.